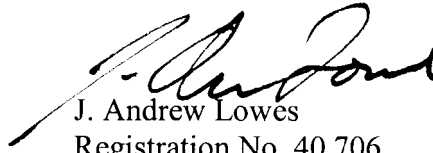


III. Remarks

Claims 25-45 are now pending as claims 1-24 have been canceled as being directed to a non-elected invention and claims 29-45 have been added for consideration. Claims 29-45 are believed to be directed to the elected invention. Consideration of claims 25-45 is therefore requested.

Respectfully submitted,

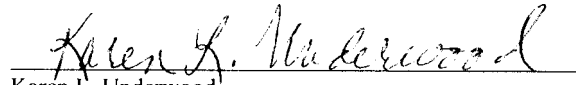

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